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Mysuru industries want tax anomalies resolved

Renewed demand for Mysuru Industrial Township Authority — a centralised governance system

Mysuru, July 11 (RK&BCT)- Over 200 industrialists from Hootagalli, Belavadi, Hebbal, Koorgalli, Siddalingapura and Hinkal met Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra to address a long-standing dispute regarding the excessive tax structure imposed by Gram Panchayats, Town Panchayats and City Municipal Councils on industries within their jurisdictions. These areas are home to numerous MSMEs and large industries in the Mysuru region.

The interactive meeting with the DC was held at the Office of the Hebbal Industrial Estate Manufacturers Association (HIEMA) this morning.

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HIEMA
Hebbal Industrial Estate Manufacturers' Association (R)
Hebbal Industrial Estate, Mysore

Hootagalli CMC Commissioner T.N. Narasimhamurthy is seen making a point during an interaction with industrialists this morning as** (from left) **HIEMA Secretary Ramakrishna, District Industries Centre Joint Director Dinesh, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra and HIEMA President Prakash Gowda look on.

The industrialists expressed concern about the high property tax rates in the Hootagalli Industrial Area, now under the Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC), which are among the highest in the State.

Excessive tax rate: They highlighted the following property tax slabs: 20 paisa per square foot for vacant plots, 50 paisa per square foot for residential buildings, Rs. 1.50 per square foot for commercial buildings, Re. 1 per square foot for small-scale industries (SSIs), Rs. 1.50 per square foot for medium industries and Rs. 2 per square foot for large industries.

Despite the existence of a Government Order stating that tax rates for industries should be lower than those for commercial properties, this guideline has not been followed.

The stakeholders urged DC Dr. Rajendra to direct the local bodies to levy taxes lower than those imposed on commercial properties, as specified in the Government Order, which is a minimum of 0.40 percent of the building value.

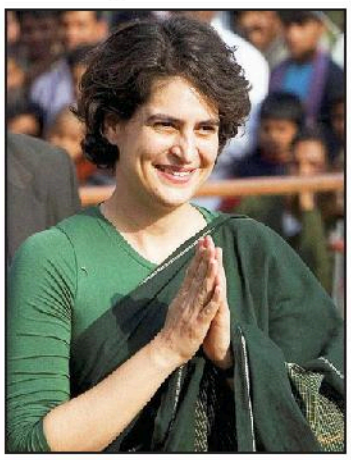
Paying multiple agencies

They also raised concerns about the lack of services and amenities despite the Hootagalli CMC collecting more than Rs. 35 crore in property taxes from local industries.

(See INDUSTRIES on page 9)

Priyanka Vadra may contest from Mysuru or Chikkamagalur in 2024 LS polls

Indira Gandhi's victory from Chikkamagalur in 1978 gives hope to Congressmen



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

Bengaluru, July 11 (KMS & DM)- Is the Congress party preparing for a larger role for Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as the Lok Sabha (LS) elections approach, considering Rahul Gandhi's uncertain electoral future due to a ban on contesting polls?

Party insiders indicate that Priyanka has moved to the forefront in the party's anti-BJP efforts following the Surat Court's verdict against Rahul in the 'Modi surname slur' case.

With the Congress coming to power in Karnataka, they are strategising to win at least 20 out of the 28 Lok Sabha seats in the State. The party is considering fielding Priyanka Gandhi Vadra from either the Mysuru-Kodagu or Udupi-Chikkamagalur Constituencies.

Currently, these seats are held by Pratap Simha and Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje of the BJP, respectively. Initially, the Congress planned to field Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of the Mysore royal family, but due to his lack of interest in politics, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has emerged as a potential candidate. If Priyanka declines the offer, the Congress will consider Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah for the seat.

Although Priyanka Gandhi has faced setbacks and made some misguided moves during her brief foray into active politics, her supporters within the Congress believe she is better suited than Rahul when it comes to election campaigns and engaging with party leaders.

Priyanka's ability to combine an assertive stance against PM Narendra Modi and the BJP with an approachable demeanour towards ordinary voters, along with her resemblance to her late grandmother, Indira Gandhi, make her a favourable choice for leading the party's election victories, according to Congress sources.

Ramya from Mandya?

In the Mandya Constituency, the Congress is likely to nominate actress Ramya (Divyaspandana), who previously represented the Constituency for a short period. Additionally, there are discussions within the party to field veteran leader and AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge from the Kolar (SC) Constituency instead of his home Constituency of Kalaburagi.

(See LS POLLS on page 9)

To Our Readers

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 11th July 2023

Shilpa Nag takes charge as Chamarajanagar DC

Shilpa Nag** (right), **who took charge as Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Chamarajanagar this morning, being greeted by Chamarajanagar Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO S. Poovitha, who held concurrent charge as the DC.

Bengaluru, July 11 (KMS&DM)- In a shake up of the bureaucracy, the State Government on Monday transferred 9 IAS Officers.

As per the transfer list, 2014 batch IAS Officer Shilpa Nag, currently serving as RDPR Department Commissioner at Bengaluru, was posted as the new Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner, in place of D.S. Ramesh who was transferred recently.

Shilpa, who had previously served as Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner, took charge as Chamarajanagar DC this morning.

In other transfers, C. Satyabhama has been posted as the new Hassan DC while Varnith Negi has been posted as Kodagu ZP CEO, J. Manjunath as Commissioner, Department of Survey & Land Records and H.V. Darshan as Director of IT and BT.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We tend to plan to do the things we love, once we retire from our working lives. Curiously, quite a few drop dead soon after retirement; some battle illness that comes perhaps with old age and boredom or reason beyond one's control; but there are many seniors now-a-days who are determined to enjoy that last segment of their lives. They say that they realise, that all along, we make the mistake of ignoring the journey and focus on the end goal, thereby missing the bus. What if, they ask, we had somehow made the time during our working lives, to also do the things we love to do, even if only in short bursts? Why postpone all that to the end of life when we are not certain if we will even be alive or be able enough to do all of that?

Talking about our eternal search for happiness, Om Swami of Badrika Ashram says that if only we could enjoy life's journey and not be driven solely by a future goal, happiness could be within our grasp. When you chase something, it turns elusive, whereas if you can take each day as it comes and live it to the full, mindfully, there are greater chances of experiencing joy even in the midst of a busy working day. He gives an interesting example of the chewing gum — in the beginning the gum is sweet, we enjoy it, but gradually it becomes tasteless; yet, we keep chewing gum mindlessly, even as our jaw hurts and stomach turns acidic, even as we are no longer cognizant of whether we are hungry or not; we cannot swallow the gum and we are reluctant to spit it out. That seems to be the story of most peoples' lives, as they live in ignorance, chasing a far-off goal with a chimera of happiness, neglecting to live well in the present and instead, live a mundane life akin to chewing gum mechanically, all day long.

— Narayani Ganesh in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Radars detect swarm of flying ants

London: A mile-long swarm of flying ants has been picked up on a weather radar on the UK's south coast - with more expected in the coming days.

The insects, which look similar to rainfall on radars, were detected by the Met Office on Friday, as people reported sightings on social media.

The day was dubbed "flying ant day".

The forecaster said the winged insects are usually picked up at this time of the year over the space of about a week.

"Every year around this time we do pick them up on the rain radar. At the moment it's harder to tell because we've got so many showers and the ants look like showers," Simon Partridge, a Met Office forecaster, said.

People flock Stonehenge to mark solstice

Wiltshire: Around 8,000 modern day spiritualists - and other curious visitors - flocked to Stonehenge to mark the summer solstice.

People dressed as druids and pagans gathered at the attraction in Wiltshire to celebrate the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere and the official start of summer.

Participants spent the previous few hours chanting, playing instruments and dancing near the historic stone circle.

The sun is known to rise behind the Heel Stone in the north east part of the horizon - with its first rays shining into the heart of the stone circle.

"Stonehenge continues to captivate and to bring people together to celebrate the seasons, just as it has done for thousands of years," said Nichola Tasker, director of Stonehenge at English Heritage.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thyroid problems cause decreased fertility, increased risk of abortions, affects baby's growth and development. Get your thyroid hormone levels checked before planning pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G - Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynecology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Div. Badminton, TT Championships

Mysuru, July 11- The National Institute of Fingineering (NIE), Mysuru, in association with Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, will be organising the VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Division Badminton, TT Men & Women Championships 2023-24 on July 12 and 13 at NIE Diamond Jubilee Indoor Sports Complex on Manandavadi Road here.

The Engineering College Badminton and TT teams of Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Ramanagara districts are expected to participate.

Last edition Champions in men section Badminton PESCE, Mandya and Runners-Up VVCE, Mysuru, loser Semi-finalists NIE-IT, Mysuru and NIE, Mysuru, teams are seeded 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively, in women section PESCE, Mandya, VVCE, Mysuru, GEC, Kushalnagar and NIE, Mysuru, teams are seeded 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

The teams getting seedings in TT men are NIE Mysuru, VVCE Mysuru, PESCE, Mandya and ATME, Mysuru. In women section PESCE, Mandya, ATME, Mysuru, NIE-IT, Mysuru and GSSSIETW, Mysuru, are eligible to be seeded 1, 2, 3 & 4 respectively.

The Championships will be inaugurated by Akshay Mahanta (Karnataka TT Player and Certified Coach at Olympic Table Tennis Academy) on July 12 at 9.30 am in NIE Sports Complex. Dr. K.C. Manjunath, Principal (in-Charge), NIE, will preside. Dr. M.P. Murulidhar, Officiating Mysuru Zone Regional Director, Physical Education (PE), VTU, will be present.

For details, contact R. Kavya, PE Director, NIE, on Mob: 78924-17077 or H.C. Sudina, PE Director, NIE, on Mob: 77602-23362.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, July 11- Owing to emergency maintenance works at Megalapura Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 11 am and 4 pm in the following villages: Inam Uthanahalli, MC Hundi, Keelanapura, Siddaramanahundi, Megalapura, Madhavagere, Gurukarapura, Duddagere, Mahadevi Colony, Lakshmipura, PG Hundi, Chattanahalli, Chattanahalli Palya, Hosahalli, Ranganathapura, Srinivasapura, Yadakola, Kadavekattehundi, Anche Hundi, Devegowdana Hundi, Muddegowdana Hundi, Kuppegala, Varakodu Paper Mill, S.R. Industries, Rajashri Industries and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

REALLY...?

- ***Frogs cannot vomit. If one absolutely has to, then it will vomit its entire stomach.***
- ***Chinese water deer swim island to island in search of food.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: What kind of tree can fit into your hand?
A: A PALM TREE!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.37
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 106.14
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.43
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.71

VOICE OF THE READER

Unscientific removal of humps: Bannimantap road a nightmare

Sir,

I want to draw attention to the deplorable state of the road stretch between JSS Dental College and LIC Circle in Bannimantap, which has become a nightmarish ordeal for drivers.

The removal of approximately 4-5 road humps, carried out by the Mysuru City Corporation authorities, has resulted in significant inconvenience and hazards for motorists. The reasoning behind the removal of these road humps remains unclear. It has been suggested that their presence posed obstacles to the operation of new electric buses.

However, regardless of the rationale, it is the haphazard manner in which the removal was executed that has caused immense nuisance and concerns. The humps were crudely scraped off using an excavator, leaving behind dangerous ditches that rapidly worsened within a month. Shockingly, the authorities have shown no interest in adequately completing the work or addressing the resulting hazards.

One cannot help but wonder if the authorities will only take notice and respond after unfortunate accidents occur on this stretch.

—B.B. Ashok
Subhashnagar
7.7.2023

Counselling for teacher transfer begins

DDPI H.K. Pandu receiving application from a teacher during the counselling session which began today.

Mysuru, July 11 (BLU&DM)- The five-day counselling for transfer of teachers of the district who have voluntarily sought transfer (request transfer), began at the DDPI Office in city this morning. While the counselling for Primary School teachers will take place from today till July 15, that for High School teachers will be held on July 13 and 14.

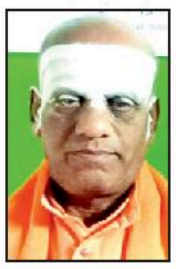
The Mysuru DDPI Office had received applications from 1,894 Primary and 604 High School teachers of the district requesting transfer during the current academic year.

DDPI H.K. Pandu said that the transfer will be done in a transparent manner after thorough screening of all applications. Pointing out that the transfer of 82 of the applicant teachers has been listed for consideration on priority due to health issues, he said that they will be given the place of posting of their choice depending upon the level of illness or ailment, based on their medical reports.

"The teachers will be given a number before the start of the counselling each day and the teacher will have to attend whenever his/her number is called. The counselling is being held in a most transparent manner with no scope for influence or recommendation. Apart from the teachers and associate teachers, the counselling is also being held for Head Masters, Physical Education teachers and Assistant Masters", he said adding that the transfer will be 7.5 percent within the district, 2 percent within Mysuru Revenue Division (comprising eight districts) and 1 percent elsewhere in the State.

Meanwhile, several teachers were seen carrying recommendation letters from their respective MLA or other elected representatives, even though they knew that the counselling will take place in a transparent manner, with no scope for influence or recommendation. The counselling authorities were seen ignoring such recommendation letters and going through their job strictly as per the Department guidelines.

Shivappa Swamiji of Devanur Mutt commits suicide



Nanjangud, July 11- Shivappa Swamiji (60) of Devanur Mutt in the taluk committed suicide by jumping into Cauvery River near Mudukuthore in T. Narasipur taluk.

It is learnt that the Swamiji was suffering from illness, which had led to mental depression and had gone missing since two days. A missing case was lodged at Kavalande Police Station. Depressed over his illness, the Swamiji reportedly committed suicide by jumping into the river.

Public who saw the body floating in the river on Monday, informed Talakad Police, who reached the spot, fished out the body and shifted it to MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru for post-mortem besides registering a case.

A native of Kaliyuru village in Kollegal taluk of Chamarajanagar district, Shivappa Swamiji was involved in collecting grains from devotees since four decades and was the favourite disciple of Srimahanta Swamiji of the Mutt.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, July 11 (KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police on July 5 have found a body of an unidentified man near the Railway track and have registered a case. The deceased is aged between 35 and 40 years, 5.6 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, sports a beard and moustache, has 'Avva' and 'Kavitha' tattooed on the left side of his chest with a picture of a machete tattooed below it, white thread tied around his right wrist and was wearing a light green coloured full arm shirt and a blue jeans pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

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Over-speeding on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

490 cases booked in two days; spot fines collected

Bengaluru, July 11- In an effort to curb accidents caused by over-speeding vehicles on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, the Ramanagara and Mandya Police have initiated a crackdown on such vehicles and have already booked 490 cases in just two days.

On the first day of operation, which took place on July 4, the Police booked 44 cases against drivers for over-speeding and other traffic offences. On the following day, July 5, an astonishing 446 cases were registered, bringing the total number of cases to 490 in just two days.

Spot fines were collected from the offenders. Out of the total 490 cases, 174 were related to over-speeding, 137 involved violations of lane discipline, 81 were for not wearing seat belts, 47 were related to helmetless riders and 51 cases were for other offences. Equipped with radar guns, the Ramanagara and Mandya Police are conducting speed checks, monitoring rash and negligent driving and cracking down on other traffic violations on the Expressway.

Mandya SP N. Yatish inspecting a speed radar gun used to book over-speeding vehicles near Kodishettipura village on the Expressway recently.

Since its opening in March, the Expressway has witnessed over 243 accidents, resulting in tragic loss of 122 lives. Among these fatalities, 58 occurred in Ramanagara and 64 in Mandya.

In response to the increasing number of fatal accidents, ADGP (Traffic and Road Safety) Alok Kumar conducted inspections along various stretches of the Expressway recently. He instructed the Police officers to take action against over-speeding vehicles using radar guns.

Despite the maximum speed limit being set at 100 kmph, many vehicles were found to be speeding between 120 and 160 kmph. To address this issue, the Ramanagara and Mandya Police began their operation with radar guns and are now documenting cases of speeding vehicles by capturing photos that show the recorded speed of vehicles on the Expressway.

NEWS BRIEFS

Vocational training

RUDSET Institute, Mysuru, located on Hunsur Road, has invited applications from unemployed men and women aged between 18 and 45 years for free training in goat rearing and two-wheeler repair. The training for goat rearing will be held from July 19 to 28 (10 days) and that for two-wheeler repair from Aug. 1 to 30 (30 days). The applicants must be able to read and write Kannada and should have interest in self-employment. Boarding and lodging is free during training period. Admission will be based on a direct interview. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 98440-13948 or 98801-96581 or 87468-03006, according to a press release.

Discourse on 'Yoga Sutragalu'

Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru, has organised a discourse on 'Pathanjaliya Yoga Sutragalu - Samadhi Pada' by Krishna Rao Prakash at Datta Sannidhi, Yajna Shale, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, at 6 pm on Thursday (July 13).

Ph.D awardee

R.B. Hussana Johar has been awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics Engineering Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for her thesis 'Adaptive OFDM-MIMO Techniques for Wireless Sensor Networks' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.R. Sujatha.

City's infra challenges hindering growth: MGP

RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEETING

- Mount pressure on State Government to solve UGD problems of city
- Press for proper maintenance of drinking water plants and storage facilities
- Call for a ban on public entry or any public functions at such installations
- Repeatedly represent UGD problems with Mysuru City Corporation
- Create public awareness to retain Mysuru city as clean and a heritage place

Mysuru, July 11 (SPN&BCT)- Mysuru, renowned for its rich cultural heritage and traditional charm, is currently grappling with significant infrastructural challenges that are impeding its progress and development. Concerned citizens and local organisations are demanding urgent action from the authorities to address these pressing issues.

Water supply, underground drainage (UGD), electricity and other essential amenities have been subject to variations, adversely affecting the overall quality of life. At a recent meeting held by Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), the focus was on the internal sewage (UGD) problem plaguing the city.

Former MLA Vasu, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Nagaraju and MGP members, and office-bearers participated in the discussion. The MGP team, known for its proactive approach towards the city's well-being, expressed their concern over the lacklustre response and ineffective measures taken by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to tackle these issues, noted Vasu.

"Over the past two decades, MGP has been at the forefront of advocating for Mysuru's progress, making significant contributions to its development," he added.

Citizens have grown increasingly frustrated with the recurring problems in water supply, electricity distribution and other critical services. The lack of enthusiasm exhibited by officials in resolving these issues has further fuelled their discontent, the former MLA noted.

"The recent elections have witnessed a shift in public sentiment, with voters demanding a more proactive approach from their elected representatives and Government officials in addressing the city's challenges," he said.

During the meeting, participants raised questions about the persistent problems in areas where unauthorised constructions have taken place without proper Government permission.

Basic amenities such as water and electricity are being provided without proper approval processes and this has sparked concerns among citizens about revenue loss and pilferage. Also, they have underlined the need to streamline the approval process, fix accountability after providing basic amenities. This can also increase tax revenues.

The situation has led to an atmosphere where citizens, who face the brunt of these challenges, are now pressurising the Government for immediate action. The need to eliminate obstacles hindering progress and development was stressed by Vasu.

The current state of affairs in Mysuru calls for a collaborative effort between citizens, local organisations and the Government to address the infrastructural shortcomings, the participants felt.

Vasu's take on People's Park Library

Certain influential individuals and people who had political clout had planned to grab the land that was meant for a Central Library at People's Park in the heart of the city. Some of them had exerted pressure on the Government to use the land for other purposes and had even made Khata for other purposes. I started a campaign against this in 1994 and despite losing the MLA elections twice, I did not budge and today, the library has become a reality there.

—Vasu, former MLA

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	87.40	feet
Yesterday	:	86.26	feet
Inflow	:	7,624	cusecs
Outflow	:	382	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,268.57	feet
Inflow	:	4,485	cusecs
Outflow	:	800	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,839.45	feet
Inflow	:	1,343	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Open manhole invites danger on B.N. Road near KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand

Mysuru, July 11 (MTY&BS)- A manhole in the middle of Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road at the intersection of KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand and Halladakeri Road in the city remains open without covering the top with a lid. The manhole invites danger and the general public want it to be repaired before any mishap.

It has been three to four days since the manhole is open on the road from Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (formerly Hardinge Circle) towards KSRTC Bus Stand. Several number of buses and other types of vehicles move on this stretch of road, that sparks danger with a manhole remaining unattended, that has drawn a flak from the public.

There are instances of two-wheelers skidding as riders try to avoid the manhole. As five to six such freak mishaps occurred, with riders suffering minor injuries, the locals kept stones near the manhole to alert other vehicle riders. But, the possibilities of vehicles riding over the manhole in the night cannot be ignored. It would be better if the authorities cover the manhole with a lid at the earliest.

CBI teams begin probe into Rs. 250 crore scam in KSOU

Misappropriation took place between 2009-10 and 2015-2016; Sleuths to come to Mysuru soon

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, July 11- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has initiated a probe into the alleged misappropriation of over Rs. 250 crore in the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) between 2009-10 and 2015-2016.

The funds were purportedly collected under the guise of establishing Collaborative Study Centres across the country, conducting related examinations, and collecting course fees.

The investigation was launched based on the recommendations of the KSOU empowered Board of Management, the University's apex body, which submitted a report to the Governor, who also serves as the Chancellor of Karnataka Universities.

The State Government accepted the Governor's recommendations on Apr. 7, 2022 and ordered a CBI probe. The CBI officially took over the investigation on Mar. 13, 2023 (HD 39 COD2022).

Sleuths gather Information

The CBI has been conducting the investigation for over two weeks now and has issued notices to KSOU officers, auditors, and finance officers, seeking information, communications, and records. CBI officers have started gathering information from Bank managers regarding the issuance and encashment of Demand Drafts (DDs).

The allegation is that Demand Drafts were obtained from Collaborative Study Centres in the name of establishing them. Entries with the respective DD numbers were made in registers and the funds were then returned to the study centres, while significant kickbacks were accepted.

In a letter to the Additional Chief Secretary of the Higher Education Department, the Governor's Office expressed the Governor's intention to assign the KSOU case, which involves fund misappropriation to the CBI for a thorough investigation.

Registrar's letter

On Feb. 15, 2022, KSOU Registrar wrote to the Governor (KSOU/RPA/28/2021-2022), highlighting the alleged misuse of Rs. 250 crore collected from 205 collaborative institutions affiliated with KSOU across the country. The Registrar's letter revealed instances of fund misappropriation in the admission, examination, study centre and marks card sections of the University.

During a board meeting of KSOU's apex body in February 2022, it was unanimously decided to recommend the case for investigation by the CBI. This decision was made after reviewing the interim report of a Chartered Accountant and the statutory audit reports from 2009-10 to 2015-16.

Given the widespread presence of collaborative institutes across India, the meeting suggested that a central agency like the CBI would be suitable to conduct the investigation.

Following the board's decision, the Registrar wrote to the Governor on Feb. 15, 2022, seeking the Governor's intervention. Recognising the gravity of the case, the Governor's Office wrote to the Additional Chief Secretary on Apr. 7, 2022, instructing the State Government to conduct a comprehensive investigation.

Manpower and resources

The CBI probe order, issued by Mohammad Ibrahim, the Undersecretary of the State Home Department (Crimes), requires identifying individuals involved in irregularities during the specified period. Notices have been served to the KSOU Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Evaluation Registrar, Finance Officer and heads of the Auditing Department.

KSOU officials have been instructed to promptly provide data, documents, and information to the CBI for auditing purposes. This includes information about locations, assets, manpower, campus offices, logistics support such as vehicles, as well as notifying Bank branch managers, account officers, cash officers and account auditors regarding the fees collected from collaborative institutions through DDs between 2009-10 and 2015-16.

Notices to collaborative institutions

Notices have also been issued to collaborative institutions across India, requesting information on the number of students, course fees collected, examination fees, course-wise data, payment methods, receipts and DDs and cheques received.

Furthermore, the Department of Higher Education has submitted the necessary documents to the CBI and CBI officials have already commenced the auditing process. Sources indicate that CBI investigators may interrogate current and former KSOU officials who were in service during the period of misappropriation, as well as examine their relatives.

CBI officials are expected to visit Mysuru soon to question the officers, including retired personnel and staff members who were associated with the University during the misappropriation period, according to sources.■

Under Anna Bhagya, Govt. starts giving cash for rice

Third of five guarantees fulfilled; 4.42 crore people from 1.25 cr. BPL families to be benefited

Bengaluru, July 11 (KMS&BS)- As announced to give cash for additional five kg of rice under *Anna Bhagya* scheme, the State Government has transferred the benefit directly to the Bank accounts of beneficiaries.

With this, the State Government has fulfilled its third of the five pre-poll guarantees, after *Shakti* and *Gruha Jyothi* in the State.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa, who interacted with the beneficiaries at the banquet hall of Vidhana Soudha yesterday, launched the process of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) yesterday.

Anna Bhagya, the ambitious scheme of the Government has completed 10 years. It was first announced by Siddharamaiah while assuming Office as the Chief Minister for the first term in the year 2013. Further to the scheme, apart from five kg rice provided to BPL card holders, every beneficiary will be getting monthly benefit of Rs.170 per head at the rate of Rs. 34 per kg of rice totalling 5 kg. If there are five members in the family, Rs. 850 will be transferred to the Bank account of the head of the family. Even if the family members exceed five, the Government has consented to provide the benefit on the basis of unit. This decision of the Government will benefit 4.42 crore persons of 1.27 crore BPL families.

Mysuru District has 7,11,722 *Antyodaya Anna Yojana* (AAY) and BPL card holders totalling 23 lakh beneficiaries. It includes 50,432 *Antyodaya Anna Yojana* (AAY) cards with 2,17,199 beneficiaries and 6,61,290 BPL cards with 20,83,627 beneficiaries totalling 23,00,826 beneficiaries.

Varalakshmi, wife of Rajendra Raju of Hosa Bandikeri in Mysuru city is one among the beneficiaries.

Raju said "We are a three-member family including our son Kiran Raju. We received a message on our cellphone about Rs. 510 credited to our account. When cross checked with the fair price shop on sixth cross, it was confirmed that the amount credited is for 15 kg rice. The amount should be used to buy food grains only as announced by the Chief Minister."

Abracadabra... Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Going 54 years back to re-live the past as a journalist

There was a magazine in Bombay (now Mumbai) called *'Imprint'* in the 1960s and 1970s. Those were the days of Congress hegemony and the rise of Indira Gandhi. The magazine had invited articles from its readers on the subject, ***"What life will be like in India in the 70s.***

I decided to participate, wrote the article and sent it before the deadline. It remained dead eversince. It was not published. But, to my utter surprise, a couple of days back I chanced upon the article in a scrap book of my Bombay days. The pages had turned yellow with age and turned brittle.

It was like an old man meeting his old flame of college days. Pleasant surprise and eager to talk of the old times, go back in time and relive those wonderful days of youth. Such was my elation, I sat down to read it 54 years after it was written. My handwriting was not as bad as it is now. At present when I write, I myself won't be able to read or decipher it. I leave it to God and a particular DTP operator to deal with it. Let it be.

As I began to read it, I realised that much of what I had visualised or predicted for the decade, 1970s, had come true. At one point I had written, **'So the seventies will see a period of social unrest and economic set back leading to political chaos.'** Well, let me recall: Congress split, Indira Gandhi's triumph, Bangladesh War, JP Movement and his launching of 'Total Revolution,' Allahabad High Court Disqualifies Indira Gandhi as an MP in an election petition against her, declaration of Emergency in 1975, Janata Party comes to power in 1977 election and the return of the Empress Indira Gandhi back to power as PM... what an epoch-making decade 1970s was!

I seek the indulgence of my readers if they find what is not palatable to them, find my perception or prognosis not in consonance with their political, social, religious or economic ideas in this article. After all, it was written 54 years back and when I was under 30 years of age. Here we go:

Dear Editor,

Your fabulous question, rather a thousand rupee question: *What life will be like in India in the 70s.*

To begin with, the same sun will rise in the East and set in the West; the same moon, despite being violated twice by four men, will light up the nights; seasons will come in their turn (for they do not defy the law) and there will be rains and rainbows. So, in the seventies our life with nature won't be any different. But with ourselves? Let us see.

If life be an 'attitude' — in a definitive sense in this particular context — thinking shapes it. Because thinking is expressed and communicated primarily in printed words and also because:

In the beginning was the **sound**
Sound begot **word**
Word begot **speech** and **writing**.

Hence, let me begin with writers.

If we don't take them seriously, life in the seventies will be saner and sensible for us. This is because Indian writers, that is, journalists, novelists and essayists will continue to write in minute details about fashionable, unqualified (but with inherited wealth) persons who take to politics or occupy high government position in the External Affairs Ministry and get entangled in some sort of adventure (may be foreign policy or a colleague's wife) that are inconsequential by themselves and do not deserve to be recounted in any forum.

Since newspapers are going to be, as usual, part of our lives in the seventies it is necessary to know how it will be. I will simply quote the Editor of the 130-year-old humour weekly 'PUNCH', Mr. William Davies: "Today's journalism consists largely in saying that Lord Jones is dead to people who never knew that he was alive. I always tell my reporters to let their sense of the ridiculous guide them." So in the seventies an attempt will be made by the writer to make us look ridiculous. They will insist on proving their point of (blurred) view with a great output of verbiage that will find ourselves with more words around us than wheat.

We will be brought eye-to-eye with King's English (whatever it means) brewed and bottled in England, full of flourish and rhetorics. They will dismiss the advice of Sir Walter Raleigh that 'a good writer can get his effect in words known to every Policeman' saying that after all they are not writing for Policemen. Worse still that some writers will continue to show off to us their vocabulary and their knowledge of Greek and Latin by lugging in these words in good measure while writing in English… like for example Nirad C. Chaudhuri. Result: In the seventies when we read Indian newspapers or books written by Indian authors we will keep a dictionary by our side. But all of them will find publishers.

This is not all. These purveyors of food for our brains will have a great subject to write about — SEX. Like the Church which simultaneously battles against material suffering and preaches the ideal of poverty, the pen-pusher while deriding sex with the zeal of a crusader will in actuality extol it that by the time the decade is out we will be having our own versions of 'Che', 'Hair' and 'Oh, Calcutta'. All this will make authors and critics controversial which will be welcome, for they will rather be attacked and become famous than be ignored and damned forever. This will bring in a fresh crop of phoney writers who will be carefully careless in their dress and behaviour and who while biding their time for success will also act as tough touts and sycophants to their lucky seniors for a living. (To the reader, I suggest a few visits to 'Samovar' at Bombay's Jehangir Art Gallery for a minor proof in this regard).

Seventies, will see the publication of Jana Sangh's daily 'The Motherland' to 'project its views correctly' and every Hindu will be enlightened as to whom India really belongs. It may be a revelation for non-Hindus or a reminder of what they already know. So, there will be more communal riots. 'The Motherland' will condemn the riots and appeal for communal harmony so also the leaders of the minority communities. But in truth it will be like the opinion Johnson delivered as to the reality of ghosts — "All argument is against it, but all belief is for it." What then?

India, which has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, will build a nuclear bomb and will also put a satellite into orbit. With these modest achievements, the militant Hindu Nationalism will be further bolstered.

In the Hindu pantheon will be seen the icon of the sacred cow raised to the status of a 'Goddess', at a safe distance from the 'Lingam', the phallic symbol representing lord Shiva.

What will the family life be like in the seventies? We will be hard put to find wives with the two important qualities which Demosthenes said are essential in a wife: 'A faithful house-guardian' and 'a fruitful mother.' Since the seventies will belong to the 'Now People' the husband and wife relationship will be founded on the principle of each other's happiness. One way of bringing happiness home will be wife swapping — both for pleasure and self-promotion. This, of course, will keep the institution of marriage on its traditional foundation because, as Somerset Maugham says, 'Marriage can only maintain its authority if extra-conjugal relations are not only tolerated but sanctioned.' And for sure in the seventies with wife-swapping it will be sanctioned *de facto*.

As for being a 'fruitful mother', the red triangle will be an agreeable hindrance. It will also help preserve her vital statistics so as to be a great success in the hedonistic game of wife-swapping.

With some upstarts, whose tribe will increase, the wife will be a show-window. She will proclaim to the world the wealth and position of her husband. A status symbol, bejewelled and bedecked like an eternal bride.

And these upstarts who will have sprung from the putrid cabbage heap, like fungus, will talk only of kings and jets as though to the manor born and nothing about the cabbage.

No woman, like Caesar's wife, need be beyond reproach; but she will have to be either beautiful or sexy or both.

Thus, then, will evolve a depraved permissive society with burgeoning bastards masquerading as sons of so and so.

The teenagers will seize the present, caring tuppence to morrow, even as little as they may. They will attempt to stop the Time and will not give up. They will do it with the alibi of an antique pocket-watch hung round their neck as a pendent. The watch will be dead and beyond repair. And lo! They will have stopped the Time. The maya cult will begin.

Like their fathers, they will make their private lives a mere selfish calculation of expediency. They will place pleasure and 'actions' before everything else (including studies). They will thus destroy all honour and chivalry. Young men will go about sowing wild oats on virgin lands, fertile lands and on foul lands. Boys and girls will seek the warmth of love not in whispering sweet-nothings but in one another's arms. Gonorrhoea or 'clap' will be as common as the common-cold and will be discussed in public over a smoke of 'pot.'

They will simply make everything a mess for themselves that an elder-statesman (if we happen to have one) will simply gasp and say: 'There is a generation gap.'

There will be no inhibition in buying contraceptives (Nirodh or of any other brand) which will become one of those articles of convenience we buy every day. In fact the whole family will need it. The children will play with it and use it as balloons.

Seventies will also be a decade of unmarried women. An aging woman's secret. Her age. But Time will betray her. Not even the cosmetics can hold her beauty any longer. She will no longer be attractive from the front. But the house has a back door. So in keeping pace with the seventies she will fling open the back door with hipster saree. The beautiful, attractive back will reveal itself down to the groovy region of her bottom. And then the deluge! A generation of bottom-pinchers will prowl around.

One significant change in the consumer society will be the elimination of the consumer's poverty of desire by our Ad men. So, as desire to acquire goods and services increases, there will thus arise a need to find ways and means to satisfy that desire. So the rat-race will begin. There will be boom in the production of luxury goods.

Advertisers will have not only stimulated industrial production but also raised the living standard of the people. Socialism in the seventies will thus make its first economic progress; though paradoxically not with the help of Mrs. Gandhi's socialist government but with the help of the 'capitalist' instrument of advertising.

However, basic Indian character will not change. Success, even in the creative field, will continue to be a matter of whom one knows rather than what one knows. Respect for a fellow man will continue to be accorded for what he has in his pocket rather than in his head. Manager-employer who has risen to the level of incompetence will continue to 'recognise genius, resent it, and feel compelled to destroy it' or will recognise genius, exploit it and then discard it. **The net result will be that in the seventies India will become a nation of mediocres.**

Possession of refrigerator, an Indian car and ownership-flat will cease to be the status symbols for the rich. Instead, an imported car, air-conditioned-flat and acquaintance with film stars or reigning politicians and the 'now thing' TV will become the status symbol. As for the Indian farmer, with the yet-to-come mirage of a Green Revolution, he will have to be content with his Nirodh and the transistor.

Being supposedly a peace-loving country, we did not have any social or political revolution after independence. But we did have two revolutions, more in metaphorical sense. One, of course, was the much-vaunted, 'Green Revolution' on the agricultural front and another was the much-advertised 'Yellow Revolution' on the butter front. In the seventies one more revolution (in the real sense) will take place on the communal front.

In this new active revolution, people will seek guns for butter. This social upheaval, coupled with the ill-balanced and artificial economic boom due to investment in the production of luxuries at the cost of necessities, will widen the hiatus between the haves and have-nots. From now on, large scale poverty and starvation will lead to mass protests on the streets and communal hatred. Men can fight better with empty stomach. **So the seventies will see a period of social unrest and economic set back leading to political chaos.** Many 'progressives' in the establishment will listen to 'Radio Peace and Progress' for peace and encouragement. Thus there will be brief love-affair between Russia and India. But, before this love-affair leads to its logical culmination, Uncle Sam will come with his dowry. And, of course, between love and money, India will choose the latter.

Epilogue

What I have said above, may have the prognosis of an astrologer, bluff of a politician, presumption of an economist, exaggeration of a writer and the sanctimoniousness of a Saint. But all the same, it is my view of our life in the seventies, not from the ivory tower or the pulpit but from the side-walks with my feet firmly on the ground, head steady on my shoulders and view unobstructed and clear.

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TODAY'S MATCHES (JULY 11)

MEN'S SINGLE (QUARTER-FINALS)

8 Jannik Sinner **Vs** Roman Safiullin	6.45 pm
7 Andrey Rublev **Vs** 2 Novak Djokovic	7.15 pm

WOMEN'S SINGLE (QUARTER-FINALS)

4 Jessica Pegula **Vs** Markéta Vondroušová	5.30 pm
1 Iga Świątek **Vs** Elina Svitolina	6.00 pm

MEN'S DOUBLES (ROUND OF 16)

Bart Stevens & Tallon Griekspoor **Vs** 16 John Peers & Marcelo Melo	3.30 pm
15 Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos **Vs** Robert Galloway & Lloyd Harris	3.30 pm
David Pel & Reese Stalder **Vs** 6 Matthew Ebden & Rohan Bopanna	4.30 pm
9 Nikola Mektić & Mate Pavić **Vs** Ariel Behar & Adam Pavlásek	4.30 pm
1 Wesley Koolhof & Neal Skupski **Vs** Jordan Thompson & Max Purcell	4.45 pm
Nathaniel Lammons & Jackson Withrow **Vs** 12 Sander Gillé & Joran Vliegen	4.50 pm

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (QUARTER-FINALS)

16 Caroline Dolehide & Zhang Shuai **Vs** Oksana Kalashnikova & Iryna Shymanovich	3.30 pm
Luisa Stefani & Caroline Garcia **Vs** Hsieh Su-wei & Barbora Strýcová	6.50 pm

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (ROUND OF 16)

Greet Minnen & Anna Bondár **Vs** Marie Bouzková & Sara Sorribes Tormo	3.30 pm
3 Elise Mertens & Storm Sanders **Vs** Miriam Kolodziejová & Markéta Vondroušová	6.50 pm
Laura Siegemund & Vera Zvonareva **Vs** 2 Coco Gauff & Jessica Pegula	9.00 pm

MIXED DOUBLES (QUARTER-FINALS)

AldilaSutjiadi & Matwé Middelkoop **Vs** Marta Kostyuk & Marcelo Arévalo	5.20 pm
Olivia Nicholls & Jonny O'Mara **Vs** 5 Matthew Ebden & Ellen Perez	6.30 pm
Anna Danilina & Nicolas Mahut **Vs** 7 Lyudmyla Kichenok & Mate Pavić	7.10 pm
Latisha Chan & Ivan Dodig **Vs** Xu Yifan & Joran Vliegen	8.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (JULY 12)

MEN'S SINGLE (QUARTER-FINALS)

3 Daniil Medvedev **Vs** Christopher Eubanks	TBD
1 Carlos Alcaraz **Vs** 6 Holger Rune	TBD

WOMEN'S SINGLE (QUARTER-FINALS)

25 Madison Keys **Vs** 2 Aryna Sabalenka	TBD
6 Ons Jabeur **Vs** 3 Elena Rybakina	TBD

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[NOTE: Timings are subject to last minute changes]

Schools install student leaders

GSSS SCHOOL, SIDDARTHANAGAR: ***Investiture Ceremony was organised recently at the School to promote leadership quality, a sense of commitment and responsibility among students. Badges and capes were awarded to the leaders. The new leadership took an oath, administered by School Principal S.R. Hemalatha. The ceremony was attended by GSSS Management Committee Member and Co-ordinator B.K. Nataraj, Institution Heads, all teachers and students.***

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, MYSORE: The School witnessed a momentous Investiture Ceremony, where deserving young talents were entrusted with the responsibility to lead their school. Col. R.R. Menon, Group Commander, Mysore Group NCC, was the chief guest. Gp. Capt. A. Chaturvedi was the guest of honour. Mary Fatima, Principal, School of India, K.R. Pet and Director-Principal Manju Sharma were present. The event featured inspiring speeches, the symbolic pinning of badges, draping of sashes, handing over of flags and captivating cultural performances.

SREE CAUVERY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, KUVEMPUNAGAR: ***Investiture Ceremony was held at Sree Cauvery School recently with H.G. Kumar, Educational Co-ordinator, as the chief guest. He pinned badges to the School Captain, Vice-Captain, Deputy Leaders, School Leaders and Band Leaders. Pratibha Puraskar, sponsored by Dr. C.E. Subramanya, Administrative Officer, Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions, were presented to the students who have scored highest marks in the academic year 2022-23. The student leaders are seen with*** *(from left)* ***K.M. Padmavathi-Principal, Sree Cauvery First Grade College, K.M. Belliappa - Chairman, Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions, H.G. Kumar and Dr. C.E. Subramanya.***

CFTRI SCHOOL: ***Investiture Ceremony was held at CFTRI School in city recently. School Junior and Senior Cabinet took the oath and were entrusted with their responsibilities. Dr. Sridevi Annapoorna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI and the Hon. President of CFTRI Education Society, presided over the function. Principal, parents, students and staff of the School were present.***

CHRIST PUBLIC SCHOOL, BOGADI: ***The School Cabinet of Christ Public School was installed during the recently held investiture and LCA inauguration ceremony. Group Captain V.S. Shivraj was the chief guest. Principal Fr. V.M. Jinosh presided over the function.***

Cultural and Management Fest 'Prayag-2023' at GSSSIETW

Mysuru, July 11- The Department of Master of Business Administration (MBA) of GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW) is organising a Cultural and Management Fest 'Prayag-2023' tomorrow (July 12) at its campus on KRS Road.

'Prayag' is an Inter-Collegiate Fest organised for Under-Graduate (UG) students every year.

This Fest brings together UG students from various institutions in and around Mysuru and provides them a platform to exhibit their talent in a professional way. The winners are awarded with attractive cash prizes and certificates.

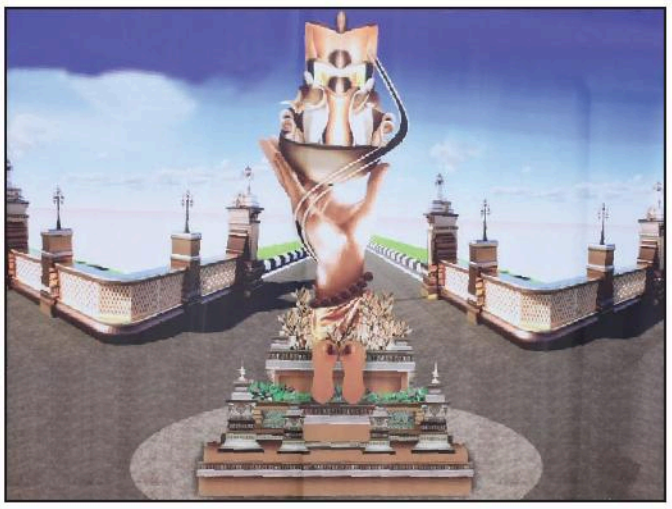
'Prayag-2023' consists of cultural events namely Fashion Show, Group Dance, Solo Singing, Quiz Competition, Two Minute Zone and sports events namely Badminton, Tug-of-War and Throwball.

The registration process starts at 8.30 am. Prayag-2023 winds up with prize distribution at the valedictory function. For details, contact Dr. S.N. Sheshadri on Mob: 96322-28626, according to a press release.

Medal winners in Karate Championship

Students of I Can International School, Mysuru, excelled at a State-level Shotokan Karate Championship recently. Seen are *(from left)* ***Runav Cariappa - Bronze in Kata, Manyasri Sarvani - Silver in Kata, Primary School Principal Vidya, Sensei Prajwal, High School Principal Naveen, Aanvi Toshnival - Silver in Kata, Ishaanvi Somiaha - Bronze in Kata, Ava Mehta - Gold in Kumite and Hayagreev - Silver in Kumite*** *(not in picture).*

Beautification of Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji Circle in Kuvempunagar begins



Works underway at Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji Circle in Kuvempunagar. Picture right shows an artist's impression of the Circle after beautification.

Mysuru, July 11 (RK&BS)- The works have begun on beautification and development of Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji Circle near Jagadamba Petrol Bunk on Vishwamanava Double Road in Kuvempunagar here.

The Circle that connects five roads is named after late pontiff of Tumakuru Siddaganga Mutt Sri Shivakumara Swamiji. It is being developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.5 crore and the idol planned to be installed at the centre of the Circle will be a reflection of Anna and Akshara Dasoha (Education and Food) that embodies the practices of the Mutt, that is still being carried to date.

"The previous Mayor Sunanda Phalanetra had sanctioned Rs. 1.5 crore out of Rs. 24 crore Chief Minister's Special Grants for the beautification and development of this Circle," said incumbent Mayor Shivakumar to *Star of Mysore*.

The project estimate was prepared by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the tender was awarded to a contractor named Venkatasubbaiah. The work was launched a week ago, said Mayor Shivakumar.

The Circle will be developed to facilitate vehicle drivers to take a free left turn, besides designing the opening of Aniketana Road, Vishwamanava Double Road and Somani College Road, with stone. It is intended to open the Circle by forthcoming Dasara festival, added Mayor Shivakumar.

LS Polls

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The Congress believes that Kolar is a safer seat and Kharge's contest there could have a positive impact on neighbouring Constituencies.

Other potential candidates being considered include D.K. Suresh, the current Bengaluru Rural MP, who may contest from Bengaluru South Constituency this time.

Former IPS Officer K.C. Ramamurthy, currently in the BJP, may receive a Congress ticket to contest either from Bengaluru North or Bengaluru Central.

Raksha Ramaiah, former State Youth Congress President and son of former Minister M.R. Seetharam, is being considered for Chikkaballapur, while young Congress leader Shreyas Patel of Holenarasipur, and grandson of former MP late Puttaswamygowda, may be fielded from the Hassan Constituency, which has long been a stronghold of the JD(S).

The Congress aims to kickstart its Lok Sabha campaign by finalising the list of candidates for all 28 Constituencies in the State well in advance.

Mysuru industries want tax anomalies resolved

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They pointed out that industrialists are already required to pay fees to the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for building plan sanction and are burdened with additional building licence fees to the CMCs, resulting in double taxation without adequate benefits.

In contrast, industries within the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits enjoy a lower tax structure compared to the rates proposed by Gram Panchayats and CMCs on the city outskirts. Industrial areas such as Bannimantap and Yadavagiri adhere to the specified tax rates while benefiting from essential services like water, power supply, roads and sanitation systems.

Industrial Township Authority

The industrialists also urged the establishment of the Mysuru Industrial Township Authority, which has been announced multiple times but remains unimplemented. They emphasised that this Authority would remove industrial estates from the control of local bodies and create a centralised agency for tax payment, leading to focused development and streamlined administrative processes in industrial areas.

They proposed allocating 30 percent of the property tax collected from industrial areas to local municipalities while utilising 70 percent for the maintenance of industrial areas.

During the meeting, the industrialists highlighted issues such as cleanliness, street lighting, and other basic amenities that require attention. DC Dr. Rajendra assured them that he would address the concerns with the KIADB, Gram Panchayats and CMCs to ensure compliance with the government-prescribed tax structure.

Dr. Rajendra also inspected certain industrial areas and instructed KIADB officers to maintain cleanliness and remove unauthorised tea shops.

District Industries Centre (DIC) Joint Director Dinesh, HIEMA President Prakash Gowda, Secretary Ramakrishna, Treasurer Channakeshava and Mohan Krishna were present on the dais.

Mysore Industries Association (MIA) Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President K.B. Lingaraju, Industrialists Subramanya, A.S. Satish, Raghavendra, Ramakrishnegowda and others were present.

'Yuva Vikasa Sri' and 'Bala Vikasa Sri' awardees

Mysuru, July 11- International Yoga Teacher H.N. Gangadhar has been selected for 'Yuva Vikasa Sri' award and multi-talented child Krithvini Vijay, who excels in drawing, music and swimming, has been selected for 'Bala Vikasa Sri' award. The awards are given by Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike, Mysuru, during the birth anniversary celebrations of late K.H. Ramaiah, one of the Founders of the Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha, to be held in Mysuru on July 12.

Gangadhar *Krithvini*

CII Mysuru Zonal Council meets DC on lake rejuvenation, taxes, tariffs

FROM LEFT: ***CII Mysuru Vice-Chairman Eswara Rao, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, CII Mysuru Chairman Sam Cherian and CII Mysuru Head Solomon Pushparaj seen at the interaction.***

Mysuru, July 11 (BCT) The members of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mysuru Zonal Council met Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra along with his team of officers.

The meeting aimed to present and address various issues and concerns raised by CII members hailing from diverse backgrounds, including industry and institutes.

The key areas of focus during the meeting included discussion on tariff charges for water supply in industrial areas, property tax, electricity taxes, road conditions, congestion at entry points in Nanjangud and adjacent areas, delays in issuing Katha certificates, lake rejuvenation, and the deterioration of heritage buildings in Mysuru.

The DC listened to the concerns expressed by CII members and assured them of his commitment to addressing these issues promptly. He requested the members to provide comprehensive data to facilitate efficient resolution. Additionally, he encouraged collaboration among industries in the region and urged CII members to identify specific areas where action can be taken.

Highlighting the importance of sustainable development, Dr. Rajendra emphasised the significance of environmental protection. He expressed his eagerness to work closely with CII members and the district administration to transform Mysuru into a sustainably developed city.

Furthermore, he assured generous support from the Government in these endeavours.

CII members delt that this collaborative effort between the CII and the district administration marks a significant step towards resolving pertinent issues and fostering sustainable development in Mysuru.

CII Mysuru Chairman Sam Cherian, Vice-Chairman Eswara Rao and CII Mysuru Head Solomon Pushparaj were present during the occasion.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Mitigate

Pronunciation: MIT-uh-gayt.
Meaning: To mitigate something is to make it less severe, harmful or painful.
Origin: The meaning of mitigate is straightforward enough: to make something—such as a problem, symptom, or punishment—less harsh or severe. Sometimes, however, mitigate appears where the similar-looking militate is expected. That word, which is often followed by against, means "to have weight or effect," as in "your unexcused absences are likely to militate against your getting a promotion." The two words are not closely related (mitigate comes from the Latin verb mitigare, meaning "to soften," whereas militate traces to militare, meaning "to engage in warfare"), but the confusion between the two has existed for long enough that some usage commentators have accepted "mitigate against" as an idiomatic alternative to militate. Even William Faulkner used mitigate in this way in his 1932 short story, Centaur in Brass, writing "It's as though there were some intangible and invisible social force that mitigates against him." Unless you're Faulkner, though, it's probably best to keep mitigate and militate distinct.
Example: "Race, gender, disabilities, and other biases may be inadvertently embedded in artificial intelligence systems, forcing computational systems to replicate historical problems. The explosion of new AI technology needs a call-to-action from regulators and organizations to mitigate those risks with best practices for AI applications." — Annette Hagood, Washington Technology, 13 June 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Madapollam

Fine cotton cloth.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Market forces

Meaning: The economic factors affecting the price and availability of a commodity or product in a free market.
Origin: 'Market forces' is a fairly recently coined expression, which first saw the light of day in the economic rebuilding phase which took place after WWI. The earliest reference can be find in a piece in the US newspaper *The Daily Northwestern,* February 1928: In these days of commercial agriculture the prices of farm products are the result of a combined action of a number of factors, such as supply, demand, market information, quality, seasonal production and industrial conditions. These factors are called market forces and their action determines the price at which farm products move.

QUOTE BOX

The only thing that feels better than winning is winning when nobody thought you could. — **Hank Aaron**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

ALL ALL

Answer: Overalls.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Hideous giant
5 __ Mahal : the wonder at Agra?
8 Cook
12 Cast _ __ wide : search a large area? (1,3)
13 Unseal - poetically speaking !
14 Ireland, once
15 Beauty queen and actress ___ Sen
17 Curb, check
18 Suffer
19 Looked lasciviously at
21 City in Bihar
24 Famous American march composer
25 Under-cooked
26 Massive wild ox
27 Steal from
30 Notable interval
31 Trunk
32 Central Technical Operations
33 A longing for a Japanese coin?
34 Keep afloat; sustain courage or spirits of?
35 Go away!
36 Stretch of lawn
38 Purchaser
39 Correct bad habits
41 Horizontal Situation Indicator
42 Love, to Livy
43 Taking as one's own
48 Company
49 Pinch or bite
50 John for the Welsh
51 Upper limbs
52 Distance Measuring Equip.
53 Sea wall

DOWN

1 Org. of Amer. States
2 Wildebeest
3 A matter of legal importance in Latin
4 Petroleum byproduct
5 Hard work
6 Fitting
7 The green-eyed monster?
8 The largest asteroid
9 Pecking order
10 Huron's neighbour
11 ___ for oneself : be on one's own, in a way?
16 ___ Farrow : ex-Hollywood star - "Aim" anagram?
20 Continental exchange
21 Animal's quarry
22 Swiss river - change of "area"?
23 Remodel
24 Amjad Ali Khan's forte
26 Epicurean
28 Oklahoma Indian
29 What a rude person he is!
31 Ski lift (1-3)
35 Well matched?
37 Creeping insects
38 Mayawati's party
39 Nadal's nickname
40 Arabian prince
41 Be an optimist, perhaps?
44 Not bright
45 A climbing vine
46 Sturdy tree
47 North North East

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	S	A		B	I	G			H	O	E	
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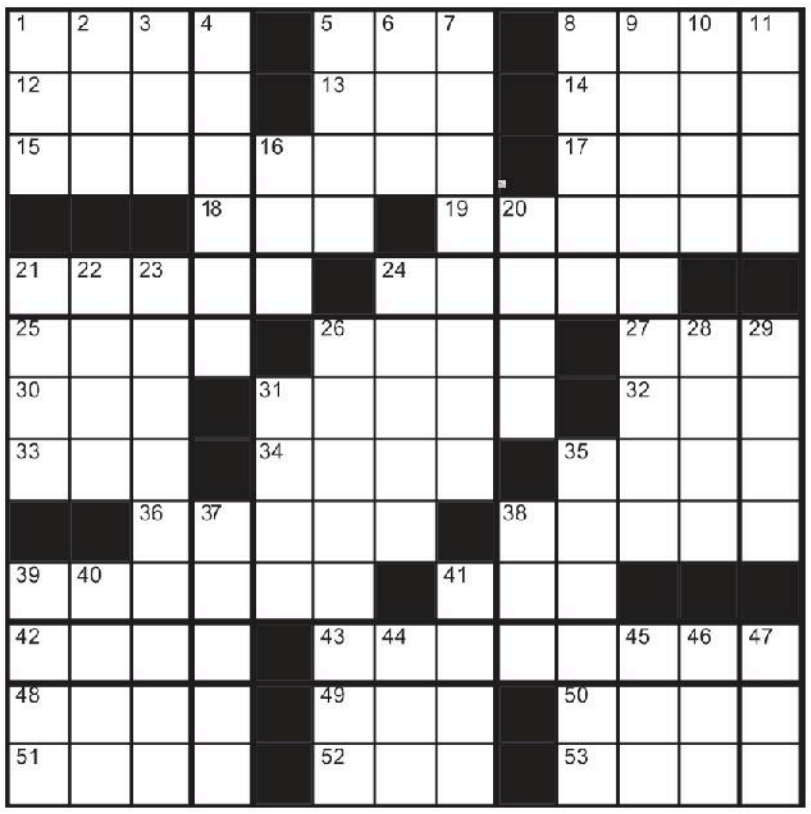

SUDOKU

		4		9	5			8
			3			4	7	
					4	9		
		5		7				9
	2						5	
7				6		1		
		8	4					
	9	3			2			
6			9	1		3		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	7	3	5	2	1	4	9	8
2	8	4	7	6	9	1	3	5
5	9	1	4	3	8	7	6	2
3	2	5	6	1	7	9	8	4
9	4	7	2	8	5	6	1	3
8	1	6	9	4	3	2	5	7
4	6	8	3	9	2	5	7	1
7	3	2	1	5	6	8	4	9
1	5	9	8	7	4	3	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CTGUICD MS FMBT FUT DX-HIVVTR RIGW IKTD YMVV

QT FUXNKUF XL ID MSHVNRMSK XNG XYS.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Don't go through life, grow through life.

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Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	(S-1) 10.35 am, 4.10 pm
Bumper (Ta)	(S-1) 1.25 pm
Neeyat (H)	(S-1) 7.00 pm, 9.40 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	(S-2) 11.30 am, 7.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Nano Narayanappa (K)	(S-2) 1.45 pm
Rudrangi (Te)	(S-2) 4.30 pm
Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	(S-3) 10.30 am
O Saathiya (Te)	(S-3) 1.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Kabadi Bro (Ta)	(S-3) 4.00 pm
72 Hoorain (H)	(S-3) 6.25 pm, 8.15 pm
Madhura Manohara Moham (Ma)	(S-4) 10.50 am
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	(S-4) 1.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	(S-4) 4.30 pm, 7.00 pm

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Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	1.45 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.00 pm
Salmon (K-3D)	:	4.00 pm
Salmon (Ta-3D)	:	7.00 pm
Bumper (Ta)	:	7.00 pm

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Insidious: The Red Door (H)	:	7.30 pm
Neeyat (H)	:	10.35 am, 1.25 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Rangabali (Te)	:	10.50 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	:	12 noon
Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	:	1.20 pm, 4.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Arambha (K)	:	1.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.55 pm
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	:	3.15 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Spider-man (E)	:	4.30 pm
Pendulum (Ma)	:	6.50 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	9.30 pm

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Insidious: The Red Door (E)	:	11.45 am, 2.15 pm, 4.45 pm 7.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (Te)	:	8.30 pm
Samajavaragamana (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 6.30 pm
Rayaru Bandaru Maavana Manege (K)	:	12.40 pm
Satyaprem Ki Katha (H)	:	12.45 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.55, 10 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	:	3.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	4.40 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	:	5.25 pm
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	:	9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 11)

- **Lingayat Gowda Mahasabha, Karnataka:** 'Guru Vandana' programme for Kudala Sangama Sri Peetha Seer Sri Basavajaya Mrutyunjaya Swamiji and Sri Chidananda Swamiji of Sri Hosmutt, Pratibha Puraskar presentation, Lingayat Gowda Mahasabha-Karnataka State President Alanahalli Puttaswamy presides, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Dr. S. Shivarajappa main speaker, Sri Nataraja auditorium, Sri Hosmutt, **4 pm.** [Mob: 96862-05346]
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe, Mysuru, Kannada Department of Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** Valedictory of Theatre and Dance Training Camp, theatre actor & director Mandya Ramesh inaugurates dance performances, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy delivers keynote address, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College Kannada Department Head Dr. K.E. Govindegowda and Camp Director Krishna Janamana will be present, presentation of folk songs, dollu kunita, puja kunita, kamsale, kolata, maari kunita, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 12)

- **Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi and National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru:** Inauguration of VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Division Men and Women Badminton and Table Tennis (TT) Championships 2023-24, Akshay Mahantha, National Player and Certified TT Coach at Olympic TT Academy, Mysuru, inaugurates, Dr. K.C. Manjunath, Principal (in-Charge), NIE, Mysuru, presides, Dr. M.P. Muralidhar, Mysuru Division Regional Director, Physical Education, VTU, distinguished presence, NIE Diamond Jubilee Indoor Sports Complex, Manandavadi Road, **9.30 am.**
- **Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** 'Swaralaya Samskrutika Habba-2023,' Vid. Dr. H.S. Tandavamurthy inaugurates, music teacher Vid. Rao R. Sharath chief guest, Swaralaya Founder-President Vidu. Dr. Suma Harinath presides, K.M. Ramya renders Dasara Pada accompanied by Vid. C. Chethan on violin and Vid. V. Shyam on mridanga, disciples of Vidu. Mithra Naveen of Nadavidyalaya will present Bharatanatyam, Bhanu Nischal renders invocation, Swaralaya Secretary H.S. Srikanthamani comperes the programme, Ganabharathi (Veene Seshanna Bhavan), Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.** [Mob: 99869-61772]
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Rotary Ivory City Mysuru:** Lecture on 'Ultrasound of the eye' by Dr. Raksha Urs (Columbia University, USA), Vanitha Sadana School, Krishnamurthypuram, **7 pm.**

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	(S-3)	12.05 pm, 3.30, 6.15 pm
Sri Prassana Venkatadaasaru (K)	(S-4)	2.35 pm, 5.55 pm
Maamannan (Ta)	(S-2)	4.10 pm; (S-3) 9.00 pm
Samajavaragamana!! (Te)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 7.30 pm
Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Bhaag Saale (Te)	(S-4)	11.45 am
Trailer Screening Show	(S-3)	2.50 pm

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Indiana Jones & Dial of Destiny (E)	(S-3)	12.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Insidious: The Red Door (E)	(S-1)	11 am, 1.30 pm, 4.00 pm 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm
Sri Prasanna Venkatadaasaru (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 6.55 pm
Nyano Narayanappa (K)	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Dhoomam (K)	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 4.00 pm
Rangabali (K)	(S-4)	9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	3.20 pm

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State Chess Championship for the Blind

Mysuru, July 11- New Tumkur District Chess Association, Shree Arya Constructions, Bengaluru and Mandya Chess Academy, under the aegis of Karnataka State Chess Association for Visually Challenged (KSCAVC), is organising 3rd Karnataka State Chess Championship for Visually Challenged 2023 from July 13 to 14 at Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence, Bengaluru.

This event is a part of the selection cycle for the Indian team which will represent India in various international tournaments next year. From this tournament, about 30 players will be selected to the forthcoming AICFB South Zone Chess Championship for Visually Challenged, according to a press release from A.R. Ramesha, Secretary, KSCAVC.

TT: Nominated as Referee

Manjunatha

Mysuru, July 11- The fourth edition of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT), the franchise-based Table Tennis League will be played from July 13 to 30 in Pune.

K.R. Manjunatha, National Referee and International Umpire-Blue Badge, from Mysuru, has been nominated as Referee for the UTT Table Tennis league, according to a press release from Rohit Ramdev, Joint Secretary, Mysore TT Association.

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